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Mysuru COVID-19 cases inch towards 500 mark

252 discharged since March; 238 active cases now

District Administration takes over new ESI Hospital as additional treatment facility

Mysuru, July 6 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru is likely to witness a quantum leap in the number of COVID-19 positive cases with 59 persons contracting the virus today. Sources in the Health Department say that for the first time, Mysuru is recording 59 cases. However, the actual numbers — increase or decrease — will have to be confirmed by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar in his daily evening media bulletin.

With the latest 59 cases, the total active cases in Mysuru will stand at 238. The cumulative positive cases will stand at 495, five short of the 500 mark.

Till last evening, 252 persons have been cured and discharged and five deaths have been reported till last evening. Yesterday, 25 persons tested positive and all of them were from home quarantine.

Today's positive cases include K.R. Nagar Tahsildar and a resident of Vijayanagar in K.R. Nagar. The list also includes a one-month-old baby. As the positive cases are rising by the day, the District Administration has taken the new ESI Hospital building on KRS Road as the second COVID-19 Hospital. This Hospital has 100 beds.

Till now, all the virus-infected patients were being treated at the designated COVID-19 Hospital on KRS Road (New District Hospital) where there are 250 beds. The authorities are limiting the number of patients to 200 and have kept 50 beds for any emergency situation. In addition to this facility, the District Administration has taken over the ESI Hospital.

(See CASES on Page 7)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Today's Positive cases	:	59
K.R. Nagar Tahsildar, a one-month-old baby test POSITIVE		
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	495
Total ACTIVE cases	:	238
Persons discharged	:	252
Deaths	:	5

Update: July 6, 2020, 2 pm

No mask, pay fine

Rs. 200 in city; Rs. 100 in rural areas

Police seen issuing a challan to a shop-keeper, who was not wearing a mask, at Devaraj Market in city this morning.

Mysuru, July 6 (MTY&BCT)- Do not head out of your homes without wearing a mask as the MCC and city Police have launched a joint operation to impose fines on people for not wearing masks. The spiralling COVID-19 cases and lack of safety sense among residents has forced authorities to take this step.

(See MASK on page 7)

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Monday 6th July 2020

SDM Institute gets Business School Impact System Certification

Mysuru, July 6- SDM Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, is the first institute in Southern India and second in the country to secure Business School Impact System (BSIS) Certification from European Federation for Management Development (EFMD).

The expert team from BSIS headed by Dr. Michael Kalika examined the impact made by the Institute on the education, business development, intellectual, regional eco-system, societal, visibility and financial. The expert team has appreciated the Institute's notable impact on the region and at the national level. The representation of students from 20 plus States, 100% placement record, quality research publications by the faculty, institute networking with local and national bodies, association with industry, association, press, government institutions and civic bodies has made SDM-IMD to earn good points. The involvement of the Institute in organising events to introduce the cultural, social and professional image of Mysuru has earned appreciation from the committee.

The BSIS Impact quality stamp to SDM-IMD has added another feather to the cap with 2 International Accreditations — Accreditation Council of Business School Programs (ACBSP) from USA and EFMD's Program Accreditation System (EPAS) for Europe.

The BSIS impact has made SDM-IMD to identify, measure and assess the impact on the society at large, according to a press release from Dr. M.V. Sunil, Media Officer, SDM-IMD, Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If you are safely ensconced behind a mask, why should it be your business to ask others to also wear one? It is to ensure that everyone is safe and COVID-19 doesn't find a ready host who should have known better. That person, because of either ignorance or plain defiance, can infect others or get infected by another person who finds masks a bother. If this situation is replicated across the city, the virus will thrive leading to a lot of avoidable misery. Our healthcare system will get overwhelmed and the quality of medical care – which you need all the year round – will suffer. A person may not be visibly infected with COVID-19 or may not even be aware that he is hosting the virus, but he will easily infect others. That is how the virus deceives, and it is easy to guard against this by wearing a mask.

— Durgesh Nandan Jha
in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman plays as zombie to sell dead people's clothes online

Chon Daen: A 40-year-old Thai woman has been getting attention on social media for her ingenious strategy of selling second-hand clothes online. Since most of her garments come from dead people, she decided to portray as a zombie during online livestreams.

The woman, identified as Kanittha Thongnak, had been selling second-hand clothes on the streets of Chon Daen, in northern Thailand, for three years when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and she could at least support herself. She decided to try her luck online. Kanittha had a handful of viewers and hardly made any sales. She then decided to turn herself into a zombie when there was no running water for her to freshen up with. She then decided to cover her face with white foundation which made her look like a ghost.

In just five days, Kanittha's nightly livestream went from having an audience of a few dozen at any one time to being watched by up to 4,000 people and her sales skyrocketed as well.

Toilet paper that lets you use poop to make art

Tokyo: If you're struggling to pass the time, this specially-printed toilet paper lets you use poop as paint to make art may be just what the doctor ordered.

PooPaint is a new type of toilet paper designed to make potty training fun and entertaining by allowing you to paint with poop when wiping your child's bottom. Featuring a variety of printed images with dotted line sections that you are supposed to fill in with the leftover poop on a toddler's bottom, PooPaint guarantees some truly special and smelly quality time with your child. It's like a coloring book, only instead of crayons, you're using poop.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How fast does a sneeze travel?

A sneeze explodes from your mouth and nostrils at the blistering speed of 90 miles per hour. At that speed, a sneeze could make it from New York to Los Angeles in only 41 hours. Think about that next time you sneeze. Achooo!

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Guru Purnima celebrated at Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram

Mysuru, July 6 (SBD&SD)- Special pujas, rituals and spiritual activities marked Guru Purnima celebration at Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud road in city yesterday.

Daily rituals began at 6 am with Suprabhata Seva to Kalagni Shamana Dattatreya Swami, which was followed by Pavamana Homa, performed by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji wth junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji.

Marking the occasion, Guru Parampara Puja, Vyasa Puja, Chaitanyarchana, Vedanta Chintana and other rituals were performed at the Ashram premises. Later, Sri Ganapathy Swamiji took 17th Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha Sankalpa, which was followed by Pavamana Homa Purnahuti and Paduka Puja of Swamiji. Telugu composition 'Yogavasishta Prashnottaralu' composed by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji was released on the occasion.

Annadana Seva was held in the afternoon and Mass Guru Gita Parayana was held in the evening. Entry was restricted to ashramites amidst concerns over spread of infection.

Really...?

- *Pineapples are not a single fruit, but a group of berries that are fused to the central stalk.*
- *"Fruit" is a botanical term and "Vegetable" is a culinary term. It means that a tomato can be considered both a fruit and a vegetable.*
- *Before the English speaking world was exposed to the fruit, the colour orange was referred to as "geoluhread" which is the old English term for red-yellow.*
- *The biggest cashew tree in the world covers an area of about 80,000 square feet and produces over 60,000 fruits each year. The tree gets its size from two genetic issues, which allow branches to grow outwards instead of upwards, taking new roots when touching the ground.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

George knocked on the door of his friend's house. When his friend's mother answered he asked, "Can Albert come out to play?"
"No," said the mother, "it's too cold."
"Well, then," said George, "can his football come out to play?"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.51
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 93.11
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.29
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.13

VOICE OF THE READER

Be cautious while booking Aadhaar appointments at Cyber Centres

Sir,

The Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) in Vijayanagar and Saraswathipuram have recently re-opened after the lockdown was relaxed in Mysuru. The ASK had announced that only applicants with online appointments will be accepted. So there is a rush to get appointments from the Cyber Centres.

It has been observed that some Cyber Centres are allegedly exploiting the unsuspecting public while booking appointments.

Firstly, they are charging amounts varying from Rs. 50 to Rs. 200 for just booking an appointment, whereas UIDAI has not laid down any charges for booking an appointment. At the most they may charge Rs. 10 or Rs. 20 for their expertise to book the appointment and print out the appointment slip.

Secondly, the Cyber Centres are allegedly booking fake appointments for date and time slots which are already booked. This is done by manipulating the appointment slip. When the applicant goes to the ASK he finds that his appointment is not valid and is asked to get a fresh valid appointment.

It is also seen that some tempo drivers are bringing people in groups for update of Aadhaar card and charging them heavily for this service. The general public are requested to be cautious while going to such Cyber Centres for appointments.

At present, the ASKs are open from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and remain closed on Sundays as part of the Sunday Curfew till Aug. 2.

— Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (Retd.), Centre Manager, ASK
Vijayanagar
3.7.2020

CFTRI signs MoU with Schevaran Labs

To develop efficient environment-friendly and cost-effective quality products post-COVID

Mysuru, July 6 - CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has signed an MoU with Schevaran Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, recently making way forward for collaborative avenues towards the development of personal hygiene, cleaning and related industrial products and solutions.

In the post-COVID scenario, both the organisations have felt the need to have more efficient environment-friendly and cost-effective quality products in the market and the partnership would be highly beneficial in meeting the emerging challenges.

During the lockdown period, CSIR-CFTRI delivered over 30 tonnes of ready-to-eat (RTE) food supplements and flavoured water to the migrant workers across the country in mitigating the sufferings of the people.

Further, hand sanitisers prepared in the lab as per WHO guidelines were distributed to District Administration and others.

The Institute is also planning innovative solutions to promote rural entrepreneurships with the involvement of FPOs, NGOs, Women Self Help Groups and ing sustainable food enterprises, CFTRI is also exploring the potential of quality disinfectants and affordable sanitisers based on plant extracts for employment generation.

Mysuru-based Schevaran Labs was established in 1988 at a time when India was still at infancy or primitive in the area of clean environment as well as think of quality cleaning and hygiene products. Drawing parallel with today's scenario, when Sam Cherian started Schevaran Labs, in a way, it was a true start-up of the present market scenario, but with no support as of today.

A steady progress over the past 32 years has bracketed Schevaran as India's leading and largest manufacturer of hygiene and cleaning products with success in B2B and B2C sectors. Requisite R&D support is provided by Schevaran Innovation Centre. Besides the CSR activity with Personal Hygiene School Campaign, Schevaran has moved ahead in the combat against COVID-19 by providing large quantities of sanitisers to the local District Administration for use by frontline warriors.

With pride, it can be said that the thought process of Schevaran initiated 32 years back has become a reality today with 'Cleaning and Hygiene' being given top priority by the Union Government along with emphasis on 'Make in India and Self Reliance.'

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Raghavarao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, said that CFTRI would be keen to involve industry from the early stages of product development while fulfilling the customer's aspiration and industrial viability. He also said that co-branding is one of the promising routes for successful commercialisation of innovation directly from lab to market.

Sam Cherian, MD, Schevaran Labs, said that the partnership with the National Laboratory would help building a robust platform to promote innovations and enable the diverse industry sectors towards achieving cleaning and hygiene in its true form. In reality, the impact will be more in food industry sector that would usher in better hygienic standards through customised formulations.

The MoUs were exchanged in the presence of Dr. T.N. Bhavanishankar, Director, Schevaran Innovation Centre, Dr. K.N. Gurudutt, Dr. M.C. Varadaraj and Anna Cherian from Schevaran along with Scientists from CFTRI, according to a press release.

COVID-19 effect in Bengaluru:

Lalbagh Flower Show cancelled

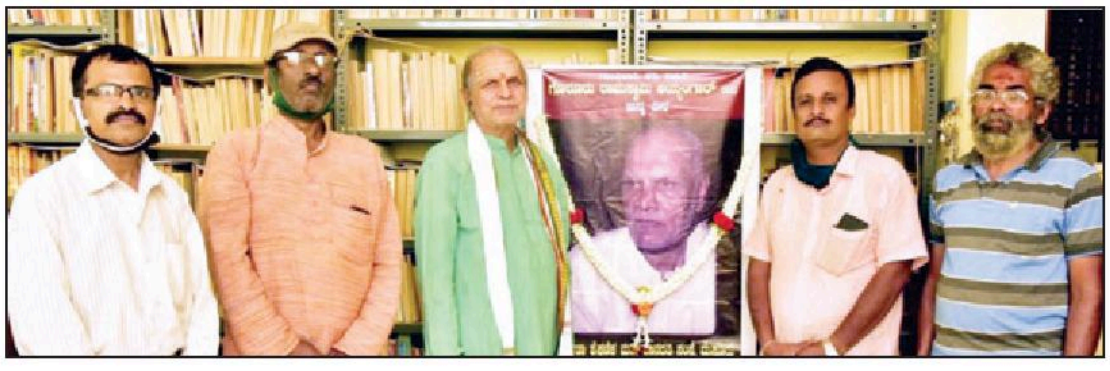
Bengaluru, July 6 - With the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continuing to cause havoc across the globe, the Government has decided to cancel the Independence Day Flower Show at Bengaluru's Lalbagh next month.

Even as COVID-19 positive cases continue to rise alarmingly in Bengaluru, the Horticulture Department which organises the popular Lalbagh Flower Show for about a week every year, has decided to cancel the show in the interests of public health and safety. The Department is said to have taken this decision as there is every chance of rampant spread of the deadly virus as lakhs of people from across the country visit the show.

Swaralaya School fetes artistes

Swaralaya Music School recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the school premises in Ramakrishnanagar. On the occasion, two well-known artistes were felicitated. Vidwan Chethan, who was conferred the title 'Piteelu Vadana Praveena' and Vidwan M.G. Suresh with the title of 'Gayana Vadana Chatura' are seen with *(standing from left)* ***Shyam, artiste, Prof. G. Sathyanarayan, Advocate, Vidushi Dr. Suma Harinath, Swaralaya President, Roopa Narasimhan, member, Vidushi B.V. Vasanthalakshmi, Music and Veena teacher, Jayashree Tholpadi, member and H.S. Srikanthamani, Swaralaya Secretary.***

Gorur Ramaswamy Iyengar's 116th birth anniversary celebrated



Mysuru, July 6 - City-based Samarpana Educational and Endowment Charitable Trust celebrated the 116th birth anniversary of well-known writer Gorur Ramaswamy Iyengar here recently.

Dr. K. Anantharamu, Retired Kannada Professor of Mysore University Maharaja Evening College and writer, inaugurated the programme by offering floral tributes to the portrait of Gorur.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that Gorur was called as Kannada's Wordsworth.

Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, Honorary Treasurer of the Trust, also spoke on Gorur. Hon. Secretary M.S. Balasubramanyam; Social workers Krishna Maharaj and N. Eshwar were present.

NEWS BRIEFS

Disruption in water supply tomorrow

Following emergency works taken up at Belagola Pumping Unit, there would be disruption in the supply of water tomorrow (July 7) at Mandi Mohalla, Lashkar Mohalla, Yadavagiri, Bannimantap, ABC Layout, Veeranagere, Siddiqui Nagar, Shivarathreeshwara Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Bade Makhan, Haleem Nagar, Devaraja Mohalla, Nazarbad, Vidyaranyapuram, Visweshwaranagar, Chamundipuram, Lourd Nagar, Meena Bazaar, Metagalli, Hebbal Industrial Area and MCC Ward Nos. 18, 19, 23 to 27, 40, 41, 55, 60, 61 and 62, according to a press release from the MCC's Vani Vilas Water Supply Division Executive Engineer.

KSOU Alumni Association Formed: Register Online

As an Alumni Association has been set up for former students of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), all those former students of KSOU including graduate and post-graduate degree holders who are serving in different departments of the State Government are requested to send their name, address, phone number, e-mail ID, current designation and date of joining to the post to: alumniksou@gmail.com, according to a press release from the KSOU Registrar.

Nominated as Food Safety Advisor

Karamveer Chakra Dr. Renu Agrawal, former Chief Scientist and Rural Programme Coordinator, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has been nominated as an Advisor to the Centre for Quality of Food Safety (CQFS), New Delhi. The Centre has a vision for the improvement and promotion of food processing in the country as per global practices. It protects the interest of the consumers supporting the farmers, industries and trade.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	97.75 ft
Yesterday	97.82 ft
Inflow	5,791 cusecs
Outflow	397 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,264.58 ft
Inflow	5,992 cusecs
Outflow	1,500 cusecs

Beware! You will be photographed while violating traffic rules

- Devaraja Traffic Police begin 'Photo Clicking Drive'
- Traffic Cops who click highest number of photos to be awarded prizes

Mysuru, July 6 (PM&KS)- Those indulging in various traffic rules violations such as jumping signals, triple riding and faulty registration plates among other violations and thinking that they can get away without being noticed, should now think twice as Traffic Police personnel will be clicking photos of such traffic rules violations by errant motorists and uploading the same to the Police Department server.

Devaraja Traffic Police have begun the drive since last week and notices are being served to the errant motorists.

Most of the areas in the heart of the city including K.R. Circle, where the density of traffic is more, come under Devaraja Traffic Police. Traffic rules violations are also more in these parts of city resulting in accidents, sometimes fatal. Hence, the Traffic Police are now using their smart-phones to click photos of traffic violations and uploading the same to the Police Department's server.

Also to encourage Cops on traffic duty to conduct this photo clicking drive effectively, Devaraja Inspector Muniyappa has come forward to award prizes weekly once to the Police Constables who click highest number of traffic violation photos in that particular week. Last week, Traffic Constable Vidyasagar had clicked more than 150 traffic violation photos at K.R. Circle and Inspector Muniyappa handed over the prize, which is meant for clicking highest number of photos, at the Police Station yesterday. Also, awards were given to Traffic Policemen Chatrapati and Gurumallappa for their efficient work.

Traffic Constable Vidyasagar, who had clicked the highest number of traffic violation photos last week, being awarded by Inspector Muniyappa at Devaraja Traffic Police Station yesterday.

Inspector Muniyappa, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that one small traffic rule violation at a place where the density of traffic is high, would lead to accidents involving innocent motorists and added that more number of accidents take place due to signal jumping. To control such violations, the Traffic Police personnel are now given permission to use their own mobile phones to click the photos of traffic violations, the Inspector added.

As of now, each Traffic Police personnel is clicking 10 to 15 photos per day, Inspector Muniyappa said and added that the Traffic Police personnel, who clicks the highest photos would be awarded once a week.

Once the traffic rules violation photos are uploaded to the Police Control Room Server at City Police Commissioner's Office, notices would be sent to the address of the violators, asking them to pay the fines for committing the traffic violations, Muniyappa said.

He further said that following the complete lockdown yesterday, their entire jurisdiction had come to a standstill and added that except for vehicles of the Health Department and vehicles carrying essential commodities, the public stayed indoors and extended their co-operation as the fear of contracting COVID-19 has engulfed them.

The city could be made COVID-free only with the co-operation from the public, he added.

Government Quarters premises near Jaladarshini Guest House cleaned

Mysuru, July 6 (MK&KS)- The Government Quarters near Jaladarshini Guest House, which was filled with parthenium and other weeds making it a haven for reptiles and insects, has been cleaned and the place made tidy.

The place comes under Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Ward No. 23 and Corporator Pramila Bharat, on Friday, got the place cleaned using an earth-moving machine.

Meanwhile, the residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the place cleaned at least once a month and also urged for the construction of the compound wall in front of the Government Quarters which was demolished to take up the Hunsur Road widening works and provide security to the Quarters.

Savita Samaja appeals salon owners to shut shops in Containment Zones

Mysuru, July 6 (SPN&DM)- As COVID-19 positive cases continue to rise in the district, the Mysuru District Savita Samaja has appealed salon owners to voluntarily shut shops in infected areas (Containment Zones) for 15 to 30 days.

Samaja District President N.R. Nagesh told *Star of Mysore* that there are 1,000 salons in city and about 12,000 in the district.

Noting that H.D. Kote handpost, Saragur, Nanjangud, Bannur, Hunsur, Hanagodu in the district and Hootagalli, Hinkal, Koorgalli and KHB Colony in the city have been declared as Containment Zones following the spread of virus, he appealed the salon owners in these areas and other infected areas to voluntarily shut shops considering the health and safety of customers and members of the public.

Pointing out that a prominent community member died of the virus a couple of days ago in Bengaluru and a few others are undergoing treatment for the disease in different districts, Nagesh said that the salon owners in infected areas are being convinced about the necessity to shut shops in the wake of rapid spread of the pandemic.

Obituary

Yesupatham

Mysuru, July 6- Yesupatham (70), retired Railway employee and a resident of Chamundeshwari Layout here, passed away at his residence last evening.

He leaves behind two daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives.

Funeral was held at Gandhinagar Cemetery today.

Foundation stone for Vishnu Memorial at Halalu village in August

The blueprint of Vishnu Memorial. Picture right shows the place where Bhoomi Puja was performed by Dr. Vishnuvardhan's wife Bharathi Vishnuvardhan last year.

Mysuru, July 6 (RKB,SD& BCT)- A memorial for late actor "Sahasa Simha" Dr. Vishnuvardhan in Mysuru will finally be a reality and the ***Vishnuvardhan*** foundation stone will be laid in August. In July last year, Dr. Vishnuvardhan's wife Bharathi Vishnuvardhan performed Bhoomi Puja at Halalu village, Kasaba Hobli near Udbur on Manandawadi Road where the State Government has sanctioned 6.5 acres of land.

Vishnuvardhan is a part of the triumvirate of Kannada cinema along with Dr. Rajkumar and Ambarish and his family and fans were frustrated with the delay by the Government in building the Memorial. The actor died on Dec. 30, 2009 and Mysuru is his native. Dr. Vishnuvardhan had carved a niche in Kannada cinema by donning various roles in over 200 films.

Though the Bhoomi Puja was performed last year, the project had been on the backburner due to some legal hurdles. Thanks to continued efforts of Dr. Bharathi Vishnuvardhan and son-in-law Anirudh, the Memorial will be a reality in Mysuru.

Bharathi reacts

Elated about this development, Bharathi Vishnuvardhan told reporters that a detailed plan of action has been chalked out and a blueprint has been prepared on the contents, display and sections of the Memorial. "It will be completely about the film industry and will be of use for everyone. People and Vishnu's fans can relive his memory at the Memorial," she said.

The Memorial was initially planned at Abhiman Studio in Uttarahalli, Bengaluru, where the actor was cremated. Later the Government allocated alternative land at Mylasandra in Kengeri. This piece of land too got embroiled in a controversy as it came under the buffer zone of Turahalli forest.

Due to tussle over land, Bharathi Vishnuvardhan decided to shift the Memorial to Mysuru. The Government agreed and land on Survey Number 8 near Udbur Gate was sanctioned. Even this land was not free from legal tangles and finally the hurdles were cleared by the Karnataka High Court.

Out of the 6.5 acre plot, 5 acres will be reserved exclusively for Vishnu Memorial. His Samadhi will be constructed in 2 acres. There is also a proposal to construct a 16-feet statue of the legendary actor.

Rs. 11-crore project

The Memorial, which will be built at a cost of Rs.11 crore, would also have a museum to showcase articles used by the actor such as his cap and bracelet, a Yoga and Dhyana Mandira as well as a training institute for upcoming artistes. The Memorial will have a centre just like the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune and there will be a dedicated space that will be a platform to train the next generation.

Two borewells have already been sunk at the site and volunteers have planted tree saplings. Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar has assured to extend all possible support so that the Memorial will be constructed and completed as early as possible. The construction works will be taken up by Dr. Vishnuvardhan Pratishtana Trust.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, former Corporator and Vishnu Sena Samithi President M.D. Parthasarathy said, "One or the other problems cropped up for setting up of the Memorial. Now, all our efforts have paid off. Bharathi Vishnuvardhan is speaking to other senior film personalities to decide on what else could be done at this Memorial."

A borewell that has been sunk at the Memorial site. Picture right shows the fenced Memorial site at Halalu village, Kasaba Hobli near Udbur on Manandawadi Road.

Virus-linked death: Kodagu DC to follow protocol

Meets religious leaders; lists Standard Operating Procedures for dignified last rites of COVID-19 victims

Madikeri, July 6 (PS&KS)- Following viral visuals of COVID-19 victims being denied dignity in death in some parts of the State, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy has sought co-operation from various religious heads to conduct the last rites in a dignified manner and after following Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

At a meeting with religious heads at the Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) in Madikeri on Saturday, the DC said that last rites of COVID-19 victims have to be done as per SOP. She said that the District Administration has identified one acre land each at three taluks — Madikeri, Somwarpet and Virajpet — and necessary staff would be deployed and training would be given to them. She said that no post-mortem is done on the bodies of COVID-19 victims and family members and relatives can pay their last respects from a distance of four metres and the funeral rites can be done from the same distance.

Dr. Umesh Babu, Head, Department of Forensic Sciences, KIMS, said that the bodies are carried in ambulances to the funeral site by a four-member team. Only five members in the family are allowed to pay their tributes and they cannot touch the bodies. The bodies are packed in three layers for the funeral. There is a provision for the funeral rites as per the religious traditions.

President of Madikeri Kodava Samaja K.S. Devaiah said that the District Administration had been working day and night to control the spread of COVID-19 and extended the community's co-operation. He was in favour of conducting the last rites as per their religious beliefs. The Deputy Commissioner said the video of the funeral rites would be done on behalf of the Government and there is no provision for others to videograph it.

Madikeri Muslim Jamath Federation President Mohammed Ali said that there was 22-acre land belonging to Jamath and of that one acre can be spared to bury Muslim COVID patients. He requested the DC to permit the Jamath to carry out the last rites of Muslim patients at the land. The DC said she would look into the request.

Amruth Raj of CSI Church sought to know whether there was a provision to bury the dead belonging to the community in coffins. Dr. Babu said the bodies can be buried in coffins.

Seva Bharathi's Mahesh Kumar, Popular Front of India (PFI) District President Amin Mohisin, Gowda Samaja President Soorthale Somanna, Wakf Board President K.A. Yakub, Kodagu Zilla Kraisthara Seva Sangha President K.T. Baby Mathew and Bajarang Dal's Vinay Kumar also spoke at the meeting.

Superintendent of Police Kshama Mishra, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Prabhakaran, Additional DC Dr. Sneha, District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Mohan, KIMS Director Dr. Cariappa, Superintendent Dr. A.J. Lokesh and others attended the meeting.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Cardiologist Dr. C.N. Manjunath:

A visionary and a role-model of an Indian – 1

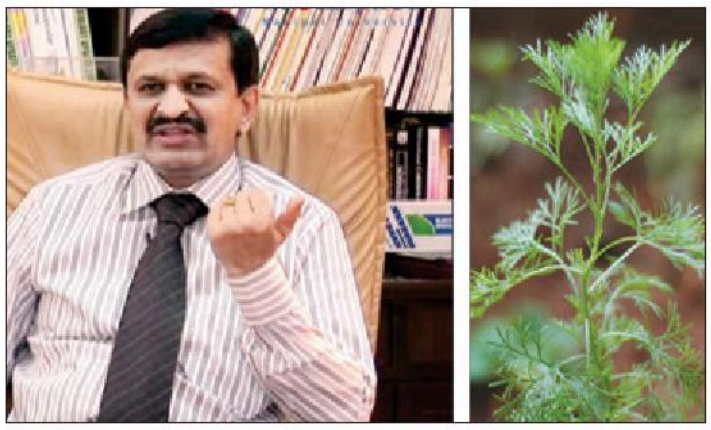
A month ago, one of my friends sent me a WhatsApp video and urged me to watch the video till the end. It was a speech delivered by Dr. C.N. Manjunath, whom I knew as the Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, popularly known as Jayadeva Heart Hospital, a government-owned autonomous institute. I also knew that he is the son-in-law of our former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda.

The success of Jayadeva Hospital, which is a government-run institute and providing services on par with or better than any five-star corporate hospital in India, is attributed to Dr. Manjunath. So, I decided to watch the video immediately.

On the occasion of his 60th birthday, Dr. Manjunath was felicitated by his well-wishers and admirers and a felicitation volume 'Dhavana,' brought out by Ranga Chetana Samskriti Kendra Trust, was also released. As the first edition of this book 'Dhavana' was published in 2018, I think, this video containing Dr. Manjunath's speech on that occasion was also delivered in the same year.

After listening to his speech in that video, it made me curious to read the felicitation volume 'Dhavana.' Editors of this felicitation volume, Dr. D.K. Chowta and Nanjundaswamy Thottavadi, have done a commendable job. This rather fat and heavy 364-page book has a number of colour pictures with articles written by over 32 distinguished persons. Probably, the publishers would include this inspirational speech given by Dr. Manjunath in the second edition of the book.

The title of the book roused my curiosity and I wanted to know the meaning of the word 'Dhavana'. I asked a few friends. One said, it is a Sanskrit word but did not know the meaning! Finally, when I asked one of our Sub-Editors, he said, "Sir, Dhavana is the name of an aromatic herb. While making floral garlands, our local folks usually use these fragrant green Dhavana leaves at regular spaces in the garland.



He even sent a picture of that Dhavana plant which is produced above. Probably, that is the reason the publishers of the book have printed the picture of a small image of the leaves along with the title 'Dhavana'. But why call the book Dhavana! I am curious to know. Let it be.

In the present situation, I really liked his speech. I am publishing the transcript of that speech here so that my readers who have not heard or read that speech of immense human concern could also benefit from it. It does not need a scholar to interpret it to us because it carries a simple and honest message delivered by a visionary, proud Indian who is serving us selflessly as the head of the Jayadeva Hospital. Here it is:

A number of luminaries who are present here have blessed me today. They also spoke a few good words about me. I think, this is an opportunity given to me by God. Whenever we get an opportunity to work in a certain profession, whatever it may be, we need to be selfless. I think, that is the Will of God or you may call it Law of Nature.

It is said that if you want to know the meaning of Life, you must go and visit three places: First place is a Hospital. There when you see and observe the suffering of patients with illness, you will know the importance of Health in our life. The second place we must visit, at least once in our life, is a Prison. By seeing prisoners, we would know the importance of Freedom. And the third place we must see is the Graveyard. There we would realise that when we leave this world, which everyone must one day, we will not carry anything with us. We would only be remembered for our Good Deeds. That is Life.

Felicitation volume 'Dhavana' is being released today. Recently, due to heavy rains in Kodagu district and Kerala, thousands of people have lost their lives and properties. For this reason, I would like to dedicate this book 'Dhavana' to them.

I had a dream that if I could get an opportunity to assume the responsibility of Jayadeva Hospital, I would make this government hospital to function on par with or better than any private hospital with five-star amenities and service. Now, my dream has come true.

We have a large number of rich and educated people in our country. But, as Justice Shivaraj V. Patil mentioned during his speech, how many of us are benevolent and humane by nature? So we need persons who are rich in heart. This, I think, is very important. In my 10 to 12 years experience as Director of Jayadeva Hospital, as of today, I have never sent a patient back home because he had no money to pay for his treatment. Some patients would have very little money. Some would have no insurance. I have never asked them to clear their medical bills and go home. **Humanity is very important. Whatever skills we might have, if we forget humanity, our skills and learning will not have any value.**

People might have to spend lakhs of rupees for treatment of heart-related issues. I know very well that we need to keep records and documents for all the subsidised treatments given here. This might be worth crores of rupees and we are answerable to auditors who are not interested in the economic condition of a patient. Auditors need proper documentation and records of all our transactions. Because of this, I urged the government to provide some **legal framework to assess the financial condition of patients and then provide special concession** for their treatments. Now, we have this kind of facility in Jayadeva Hospital where we assess and identify the economic condition of a patient and treat them at discounted rates. **What really hurts me is when usually rich persons ask for discounts.**

As far as I know, poor never lie, but rich do. Poor patients frankly say that they have only Rs. 5,000 or Rs. 10,000 with them. Recently, a poor man said, "I have sold my cow and paid Rs. 25,000 medical bills." I told him, "Out of one lakh medical expenditure, I can give Rs. 75,000 discount now, but you are dependent on your cow for your livelihood. I will give your Rs. 25,000 back, but on one condition that you need to buy back your cow and show me the cow."

We, as doctors, should always assess the financial condition of a patient. Based on that, we need to give treatment. To give an example, when we travel in an aircraft, we have different categories for passengers such as economy class, first class etc. But if an accident occurs, everybody will die irrespective of the class they are travelling. **So, if we come across a patient in critical condition, we should talk to their family and clearly explain the situation.** Even if they spend lakhs of rupees for treatment, sometimes patient would not survive. We should counsel the family and convince them to stop spending money for further treatment in such cases. We are following this rule in our hospital. Otherwise, when patient dies, their family might have to bear the cost of ventilation, ICU and other expenditure, sometimes to the tune of Rs. 10 lakh or more and get economically ruined.

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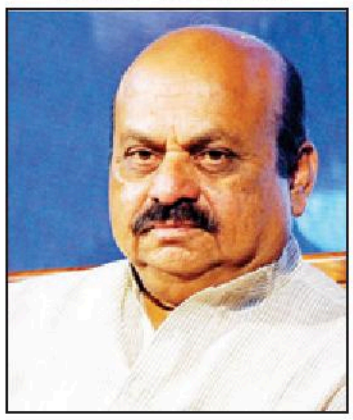
Don't leave Bengaluru, appeals Home Minister



Basavaraj Bommai

Bengaluru, July 6 (UNI)- With hundreds of people exiting Bengaluru a day before Sunday curfew fearing a second lockdown as the number of COVID-19 cases continued to increase, the Karnataka government on Sunday asked people to remain calm, not harbour apprehensions and urged them to continue living in the city.

"We are seeing reports that a lot of people are trying to leave the city fearing another lockdown. The CM has already assured the State there will not be a lockdown and there isn't one," Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in a video message.

The Minister said any decision of the people to return home would be detrimental to the State's safety as Karnataka's hinterlands have so far remained virus-free. "Stay where you are and continue with daily routines," he said. Bommai said the Government was planning to have as many as 500 ambulances for Bengaluru alone to effectively manage the COVID crisis.

DSS members stage protest

Mysuru, July 6 (RKB&SD)- Around 70 members of Mysuru District Unit Karnataka Dalita Sangharsha Samithi (KDSS) held a protest in front of Deputy Commissioner's Office here this morning, urging the State Government to fulfil their demands.

The protestors demanded the Government to regularise jobs of pourakarmikas who are working in Gram Panchayat limits; to build residential plots for them and provide Rs. 10 lakh as compensation to family of civic workers in case of death. They also demanded the Government to employ more number of pourakarmikas in Gram Panchayat limits and submitted a memorandum at the DC Office.

KDSS office-bearers Somanna Bannahalli, Puttalakshmamma, Doddasiddu, Ilavala Chamaraju, Kallimuddanahalli Chandru, Vasantha Honnenahalli and others led the protest.

No mask, pay fine

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A fine of Rs. 200 is being levied in city areas while Rs. 100 is being levied in rural areas.

Meanwhile, the Kerala government yesterday made preventive measures more stringent by bringing wearing of masks mandatory for a year under the law. According to the new regulations in Kerala, offenders can attract a fine of up to Rs. 10,000 and a jail term of two years.

In Mysuru, however, the rules are not so stringent. "We request the people to wear a mask as a protective measure. It is for their own safety," a Police officer said. The joint operation began three days back and now the teams have intensified it. Interestingly, the Police are not levying fine on people who do not wear helmets but are issuing challans for not wearing masks.

Today's joint operation was conducted under the leadership of MCC Health Inspector Mythri in areas including Sayyaji Rao Road, D. Devaraj Urs Road, City Market, Chikka Gadiyara and surrounding areas. Both two-wheelers and four wheeler violators were booked.

Also, teams are visiting markets to check if the vendors and shoppers are wearing a mask. Officers said that per day, they are catching over 20 violators since the last three days.

Mysuru COVID-19 cases

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Sources said that doctors have been asked to report to duty at ESI Hospital.

Today's cases have been reported from Kanchinakere, Madhuvanahalli and Vijayanagar in K.R. Nagar; Rama Vilas Road in K.R. Mohalla; BEML Nagar near BEML Arch in Srirampura; V.V. Mohalla; Hebbal First Stage near Metagalli; 26th Block Srirampura; 13th Cross Gokulam; Hebbal Second Stage; Third Cross Netaji Nagar, Siddappaji Temple Road; near Mission Hospital; First Main, Fourth Stage T.K. Layout, near Brigade in Bogadi; Kaveri Nagar, Bannimantap and Sixth Cross Udayagiri.

Ten positive cases have been reported from Arakere near Srirangapatna. Also, cases have been reported from Bademakhan, Udayagiri, Chamaraja Mohalla, Rajivnagar, Agrahara and four cases from T.Narasipur. Also, five cases have been reported from H.D. Kote including one case from H.D. Kote Police Station.

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'Impose lockdown for 15 more days'

Mysuru, July 6 (RKB&SD)- Alleging that the administration has failed to effectively control Coronavirus pandemic in the State, Swaraj India Party Mysuru District Unit President Ugranarasimhegowda has urged the State Government to impose lockdown in the region for two more weeks.

Addressing a press conference held at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning, Ugranarasimhegowda said, "Ever since lockdown has been lifted, the number of infected cases in the State has increased drastically. All their efforts to curtail community spread including self-isolation, home quarantine and other measures have failed. While people are living in fear, private hospitals are not admitting infected patients. In some city hospitals, there are no beds available for them. At this juncture, Government should take bold decision and impose lockdown for a period of 15 days for the next two terms. Authorities should also seek assistance from qualified medical practitioners, including private practitioners to tackle this issue more effectively."

Swaraj India Party National Executive Committee Members Abhiruchi Ganesh, R. Doddanna, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha Secretary Hoskote Basavaraj, Dharmaraj, Puneet and others were present.

Law for mandatory home isolation of people aged above 60

Bengaluru, July 6 (UNI)- Rising number of COVID cases in Bengaluru has forced Karnataka Government to come up with a law to make home isolation of people aged above 60 years mandatory. Priority is now for people with symptoms. And people aged above 60 years and are asymptomatic will have to be quarantined, Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said in a press conference here.

There is a rider to the new law which the State Government is planning to bring. There should be a separate room for the patient with a separate toilet. An attendant should also be there to exclusively take care of the patient. It could be a family member. Health and condition of the patient will be monitored by task force members.

Health officials said that it is mostly with asymptomatic patients that they are having problems with. Unless they have any medical condition like fever, cough or breathing issues - there is no medicine for COVID.

Criminal cases will be registered against private hospitals that refuse treatment to COVID patients, the Minister added.

No hospital should refuse to admit patients and if any hospital is found denying treatment, criminal cases will be registered against them.

Government has come up with six different systems for treatment of patients. COVID Care Centres, Government Medical Colleges, Private Medical Colleges, Government Hospitals, Corporate Hospitals and home isolation with proper facilities and according to Government guidelines, the Minister added.

Dr. Sudhakar gave the statistics of four metropolitan cities in the country which includes Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru. Bengaluru's mortality rate is the lowest at 1.46 percent. "The aim is to increase testing by optimal utilisation of capacity especially in private labs. Once we increase testing, it is natural that the positive cases will also increase," he added.

Appealing the citizens not to get panic due to this but to take all precautionary measures, he advised to get tested in the nearest Fever Clinics as soon as any symptoms like cough, fever etc. are found.

Babu Jagjivan Ram remembered

DC Abhiram G. Sankar, MCC Commissioner Gurudutta Hegde, Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar and others offering floral tributes to the statue of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram near City Railway Station this morning, as part of the latter's 34th death anniversary.

D. Banumaiah generously donated hard-earned money for social service and education: Former MLA

Mysuru, July 6 (RKB&DM)- Former MLA M.K. Somashekar said that Banumaiah Educational Institutions Founder Dharmaprakasha D. Banumaiah has moulded hundreds of achievers by setting up an excellent educational institution even before Independence.

He was speaking at the birth anniversary celebrations of D. Banumaiah organised at D. Banumaiah College premises on Sayyaji Rao Road here yesterday.

Pointing out that Banumaiah, who was a trader at Santhepet in city, donated a lot of money for social service, Somashekar said that the educationist provided education for hundreds of less privileged children.

Noting that Banumaiah's commitment for educating the poor and the rural masses was enormous, he said that the then Mysuru Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar honoured him with the title 'Dharma Prakasha' and even the Britishers called him as 'Rao Bahadur.'

Mysuru District Kunchitigara Sangha Director Pradeep Kumar said that Banumaiah must be credited for bringing the scattered Kunchitiga community together. His achievements and services are an inspiration for the younger generation, he added.

Kunchitigara Sangha President M.P. Nagaraj, Secretary Yogesh, office-bearers C.K. Ganesh, Vikram Mahadev, Praveen Banumaiah, V. Ravi, Deepak, Satish, Ravish, Rakesh, Megha, College alumnus Vikram Iyengar and others were present.

Obituary

Riyaz Pasha

Mysuru, July 6- Riyaz Pasha, Proprietor of Riyaz Enterprises, dealer in AgroChemical Fertilizers and Pesticides at Santhepet, passed away yesterday.

A resident of N.R. Mohalla in city, Riyaz Pasha leaves behind his wife, sons, daughters-in-law, grandson, brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held after Zuhr yesterday.

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Plant growing on M.G. Road bridge is weakening the structure

A Banyan plant is growing on the bridge on M.G. Road leading to Nanjangud which will pose danger to the bridge as the roots of the plants go deep, thus weakening the structure besides posing danger to motorists, who travel on the bridge daily. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the plant removed and maintain the bridge periodically.

Plea to prevent rain water entering JSS Hospital premises

The JSS Hospital on M.G. Road turns into a small lake during rains with about 4 ft. rainwater getting stagnant in the hospital premises causing a lot of inconvenience to the patients and people accompanying them to the hospital. Also, it is very difficult for motorists to travel on M.G. Road during rains as the road gets flooded. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to prevent rainwater from entering the hospital premises by getting the storm water drains and the paths leading to the drains cleaned.

Pathetic condition of BB and Sons Road in Bannimantap

With recent rains, the condition of the BB and Sons Road in Bannimantap has become pathetic with rain water and slush. Also, the UGD pipelines get clogged during rains and sewage water overflows on the so called road causing a lot of problems to the residents. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to solve the problem at the earliest.

Rain, sewage water hampering production of medical devices at Hootagalli firm

The need to solve the issue is urgent given the current COVID-19 pandemic situation

Mysuru, July 6 (KS)- The torrential downpour recently flooded Mysore Wifiltronics Pvt. Ltd., manufacturers of medical devices, which is located at Hootagalli Industrial Area in city, thus hampering the production.

Mysore Wifiltronics, an ISO 9001 certified company since 1995, is a leading manufacturer of electro surgical devices like TURP loop electrodes used in urological surgery.

The company is a successful manufacturer of high quality loop electrodes, used in prostate gland surgery. The world-class instruments manufactured here enjoy an excellent name throughout the world and the products manufactured here meet the highest standards of quality. But the flooding is hampering the production.

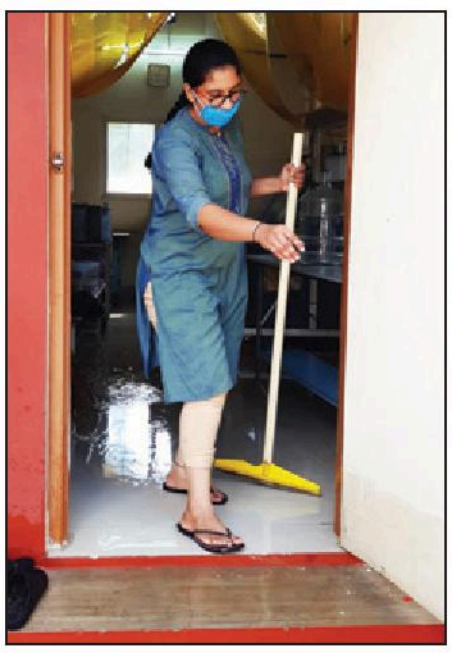
According to the staff, the storm water rain was filled with water and at the crossover point of KRS Road (from Hunsur Road to KRS, opposite Silent Shores), the drain got clogged due to dumping of waste and garbage resulting in the rain water flowing back and entering the medical devices manufacturing area. Water height was almost 3 feet above the ground level, the staff said and added that even sewage mixed rain water entered the production area through the door and other openings.

One of the staff said that the nearby drain is clogged with trash and other disposable cutlery by the numerous eateries operating in the area near the drain and even untreated sewage water from new residential and commercial buildings near KRS Road is diverted into the storm drain system resulting in the drain getting clogged and sewage water flowing back. Also, poor maintenance of the storm water drain has led to growth of plants and weeds inside the drain choking the flow of water in the drainage system, which is always filled with sewage.

Management of Mysore Wifiltronics said that the flooding is a perennial problem with differing degrees of severity besides stating that they (management) are repeatedly getting the premises cleaned and drainage repaired, as their pleas to the authorities had fallen on deaf ears.

Pointing out that as a Medical Devices manufacturing company, it is mandatory to maintain world-class hygiene and cleanliness standards, the staff said that the recurrent flooding of their production premises has become a huge obstacle in their path to deliver quality Medical Devices and to achieve 'Make in India' a reality.

The Management has urged the authorities concerned to visit the area and take necessary action to resolve the problem to prevent flooding and thereby making the area safe and hygienic. The need to solve the problem is urgent given the current COVID -19 pandemic situation.



COVID-19 recovered woman instills confidence among public

By Pavan Murthy

Mysuru, July 6- With the entire country engaged in battling the deadly Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, here is a story of a woman patient from Mysuru who recovered from the disease recently.

At a time when most recovered patients,who most of the times carry with them a social stigma for having contracted the virus, refuse to speak in public about their recovery, the woman, a Bank employee and a resident of T.K. Layout, has spoken out openly about her successful recovery.

Speaking to *SOM*, the woman explained how she contracted the virus and recovered after being treated at the designated COVID-19 Hospital of Mysuru.

"My younger brother who is a staffer of Kolar Central Prison, was recently deputed to Bengaluru for duty and after finishing his work, he returned to Kolar, when he tested negative for the disease. As he tested negative, he took a chance to visit my house in Mysuru and stayed for 3-4 days. Later, he returned to Kolar and during a medical check-up, he tested positive for COVID-19, following which the Health Department officials at Kolar called upon us and asked every member of the family to undergo a medical test. As directed, we all underwent a medical check up, when the Lab report said that I had tested positive. But thankfully, my husband mother and two-and-a-half-year-old son tested negative. I felt like the sky had come crashing on me after I was told that I tested positive," she said.

Continuing, she said: "Subsequent to being tested positive, I was taken in an ambulance to the designated COVID-19 Hospital on the night of June 16. After reaching the hospital, the Doctors advised me not to panic and be calm. The doctors there instilled confidence in me with their assuaging and healing words and subsequently I developed courage and confidence. After undergoing treatment for seven days, I underwent a Lab test, in which I tested negative, when I was sent home with the advise that I remain in home quarantine for 14 days, which I did. As I had tested Positive earlier, the vicinity of my house was declared as a containment zone. Now my house has become free of Containment Zone from July 4," she said.

Stating that during her stay in the hospital, her Bank colleagues, Sub-ordinates, relatives and friends had called her to wish her speedy recovery. Detailing how she spent her days in the Hospital, she said she used to read devotional books and chant 'Dhanvantari Mantra' for gaining confidence. Pointing out that the Hospital Doctors, Nurses and the Para-medical staff, all looked after her well, she said that she was served nutritious food and given Vitamin C and Zinc rich tablets. Maintaining that the hospital has been providing utmost care for COVID-19 patients, she thanked the Deputy Commissioner and all other officials who are striving day and night in the battle against the deadly pandemic.

Recalling how she felt when she was told that she had tested positive, the Lady said she was shocked and slipped into deep sorrow over her fate. Asserting that she was taking all safety measures such as wearing of face mask, maintenance of physical distancing and use of hand sanitisers while working in the Bank, she said that she felt deeply disappointed that she had contracted the virus despite taking necessary precautionary measures.

Stating that thankfully, all her other members of the family — her husband, mother and child — did not contract the virus, she said once she was out of hospital, she thanked the Almighty for her speedy recovery.

Reflecting on her emotions when she had to leave her two-and-a-half-year-old son behind while leaving for the hospital, she said that she felt very sad and sorry for her child.

Soon after arriving at home from the hospital, she embraced and cuddled her child, when she became too emotional, with tears rolling down her eyes, she added.

She also had a word for the public. Noting that it is not the responsibility of the Government alone to stop the spread of the virus, she said that the society too has to play a crucial role in tackling the disease.

Stressing on the need for maintaining precautionary and safety measures at all places and all the times, she said that the people should not get panicky if they contract the virus, as any loss of our self-confidence will hurt our immune system. As such , it is important for everyone of us to be confident and courageous in the battle against COVID-19.

Mysuru reports fifth COVID death; Kodagu records first

Till July 5, 8 pm: 179 active cases; 252 discharged in Mysuru

Mysuru, July 6 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru reported one COVID-19 death in the last 24 hours taking the total deaths to five. The victim was suffering from Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI). The victim is a 46-year-old and a resident of Agrahara. He was being treated at SARI Ward of the designated COVID-19 Hospital.

Yesterday on the day of the first Sunday Curfew, the Heritage city recorded 25 COVID positive cases. With this, the total number of cases increased to 436, with 179 active cases.

The active cases include two pregnant women, who are being treated at the designated COVID Maternity Hospital in Jayalakshmipuram, six patients who have been isolated at private hospitals, and six healthcare workers who have been isolated at homes.

Yesterday, 12 patients were discharged and in all, 252 of them have been discharged. Out of 25, one is a pregnant woman, two are SARI and four Influenza-like Illness (ILI) cases. Six cases have inter-district travel history and 12 cases are primary and secondary contacts of those who were infected earlier.

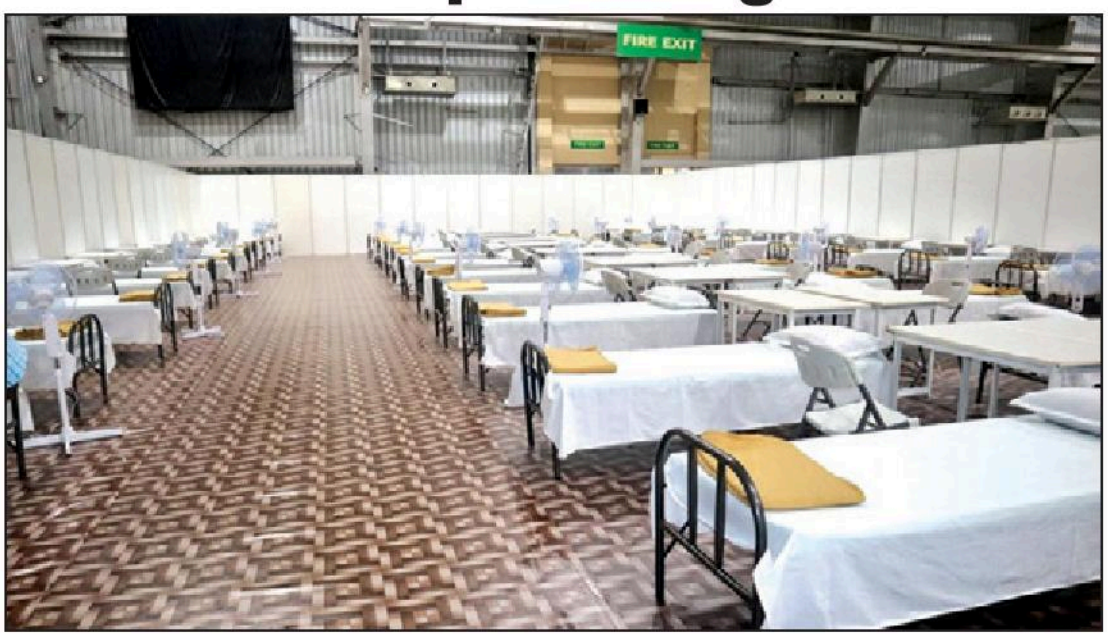
The Health Department authorities have so far observed a total of 13,551 persons and tested samples of 23,266. Of them, 22,830 persons tested negative. While 2,605 are under home quarantine, 52 persons are in facility quarantine. 10,715 persons have completed 14-days isolation.

Meanwhile, Kodagu district reported first COVID-19 death yesterday. The 58-year-old resident of Kushalnagar was rushed to district COVID Hospital on Saturday evening from a private hospital. He died within 30 minutes of admission. He was suffering from diabetes and hypertension for the last ten years.

Following emergence of new infections, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has declared new containment zones. They are as follows:

1.	First Cross, J.C. Nagar
2.	First Cross, Soppinakeri, near Mission Hospital, Mandi Mohalla
3.	Near KSRTC Layout, Nadanahalli
4.	Devamma Temple, Varuna
5.	Bharathavaadi, Hunsur taluk
6.	Near Parasayyanahundi, Srirampura, Mookambikenagar
7.	First Main, near Sericulture Office, Lakshmipuram
8.	8th Cross, Vinaya Marga, Siddhartha Layout
9.	5th Main, T.K. Layout

10,100-bed COVID-care facility comes up in Bengaluru



Bengaluru, July 6 (UNI)- A massive COVID-Care Centre with over 10,100 beds is set to be opened at the Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) in Bengaluru. It is set to be the largest COVID-Care Centre and will house COVID-19 patients who are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms.

Civic officials said the 10,100-bedded facility will be the country's largest. New Delhi's Sardar Patel COVID Care Centre currently holds the honour of being the world's largest COVID care facility with 10,000 beds.

BIEC, a sprawling venue on the outskirts of Bengaluru city, was earlier the space used by authorities to shelter migrant workers looking to leave the city for their homes after the lockdown over the Coronavirus outbreak was imposed.

On Sunday, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner B.H. Anil Kumar said, "The centre is well-ventilated, has an adequate number of toilets, nursing stations, kitchens and other required facilities."

BBMP has put up LED screens to beam entertainment programmes, especially for children and the elderly to help them overcome boredom. Good quality food has also been organised for patients with separate bins to dispose of the plates.

A bio-medical waste agency has been given the tender to clean the facility. The centre will have separate cabins with 40 beds and televisions sets in each cabin. High-tech toilets and washroom facilities have been provided at all the halls. Separate oxygen chambers have also been set up.

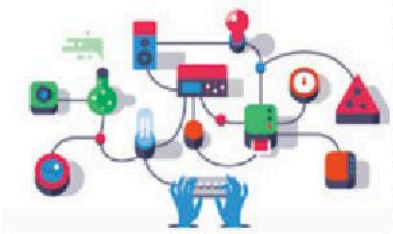
Due to the sharp spike in cases in Bengaluru in the past week, civic officials in the city have started converting indoor stadiums and ashrams into COVID-Care Centres.

Officials also released a list of 16 Government hospitals and 73 private hospitals where COVID-19 patients will be admitted.

WORD OF THE DAY

Parse

Pronunciation: PARSS
Meaning: To divide (a sentence) into grammatical parts and identify the parts and their relations to each other; to describe (a word) grammatically by stating the part of speech and explaining the inflection and syntactical relationships; to examine in a minute way.



Origin: If parse brings up images of elementary school and learning the parts of speech, you've done your homework regarding this word. Parse comes from the first element of the Latin term for "part of speech," pars orationis. It's an old word that has been used since at least the mid-1500s, but it was not until the late 18th century that parse graduated to its extended, non-grammar-related sense of "to examine in a minute way; to analyze critically." Remember this extended sense, and you're really at the head of the class.
Example: The lawyer meticulously parsed the wording of the final contract to be sure that her client would get all that he was asking for.

THE ODD WORD

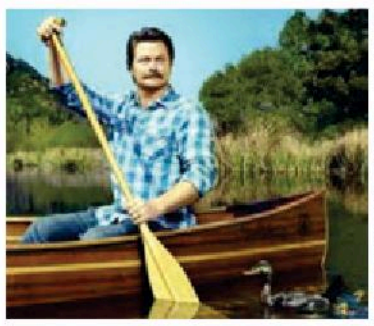
Paduasoy

Corded silk.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Paddle your own canoe

Meaning: Act independently and decide your own fate.



Origin: The figurative meaning of 'padding one's own canoe' began to be used in the early 19th century. This was what was in mind of the author of The Selangor Journal: Jottings Past and Present, 1807, when reporting the lack of community spirit amongst the coffee planters in Malaysia:
If the planters would unite and use their united influence they could start a bank to advance money to deserving young planters... but they won't do it. They let each poor fellow paddle his own canoe, and if he capsizes and stretches out his hand in despair for someone to save him... they won't do it. The imagery of self-reliance that the phrase conjures up was employed by the founder of the Scouts Movement, Lord Baden-Powell, when he used it as the title of a book in 1939.
The independence of mind implicit in the advice the phrase conveys is plain to see in two gung-ho poems written on the subject in the USA in the 1850s.

QUOTE BOX

Never trust a person whose feet are dry and who is paddling a canoe.

— Author unknown

RIDDLE THIS

You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?

Answer :All the people on the boat are married.

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				6			4	1

Answer to previous puzzle

6	1	5	3	7	9	2	4	8
8	9	3	2	5	4	6	1	7
7	4	2	6	1	8	9	3	5
9	3	7	4	6	1	5	8	2
5	6	1	9	8	2	4	7	3
2	8	4	7	3	5	1	6	9
4	7	6	5	9	3	8	2	1
3	5	8	1	2	6	7	9	4
1	2	9	8	4	7	3	5	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

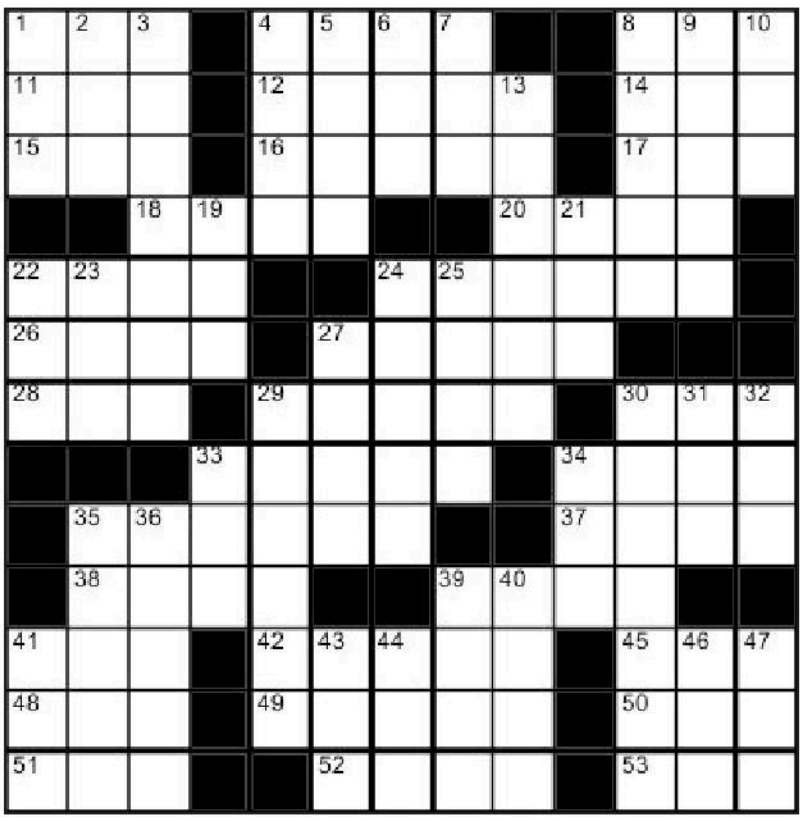
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Nocturnal bird
4 At a distance
8 Sugar suffix ?
11 Luau dish
12 Shackles or handcuffs
14 Auxiliary Territorial Service
15 A small liquid measure
16 Defer or postpone
17 Hawaiian tree
18 ___ out : made last longer?
20 Boil slowly
22 Swiss river - change of "area"?
24 Make harmonious?
26 Where there is a will,there is __ ___? (1,3)
27 Rimless hat
28 ___ ends up : completely?
29 Darkness or dimness
30 East Indian shrub
33 Not sharp; rather rude?
34 Glance or look at
35 Group of things
37 Adduce as an instance?
38 Scheme or plan to no good purpose?
39 Common metal
41 Little bit
42 Bring about
45 Gilbertian princess
48 Fidel's friend Guevara
49 Infernal places
50 Wealthy person - "bon" anagram?; 51 "A" in IAF?
52 The printer's word for 'let it stand'; 53 Abstract being - "sen" anagram?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	A	T			A	B	O		C	A	M	E
N	T	H			N	O	R		H	I	E	D
D	R	O	P	D	E	A	D		I	D	L	E
		R	E	S	T	R	A	I	N	E	D	
S	T	O	R	M		D	I	V	E			
L	E	U					N	A	S	A	L	
S	A	G	G	E	D		S	N	E	E	R	S
	R	H	O	D	A				R	O	T	
			F	E	M	A		I	R	O	N	Y
	E	C	O	N	O	M	I	C	A	L		
S	T	A	R		S	E	R	E	N	I	T	Y
A	N	T	I		E	N	E			T	O	O
D	A	S	T		L	S	S			E	M	U

DOWN:
1 Choose or select
2 Court
3 Correct, word-for-word
4 Adjunct or helper
5 Basset hound of comic strips
6 America Online, abbr.
7 Cellular letters
8 Made of hardwood, should we say?
9 Uncle Tom's Cabin's creator
10 Eur. Space Agcy
13 Scheme, organisation
19 ____ up : stimulate or excite, in a way?
21 Expression of impatience
22 Slim battery type
23 Cobbler's tool?
24 Long or indefinite periods; ages
25 The fox kind is a dance
27 Danube colour?
29 Minor error, mishap
30 Stupid
31 Appropriate
32 Alkaline slurry used in soap making; 33 Brother, in short
34 Prefix - as in ___logy or ___nomy?
35 "A ship" anagram for a soldier?
36 Senior in age
39 Land set in sea
40 Remainder
41 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
43 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
44 Of last month, in short, in correspondence
46 Title role for Big B and SRK
47 Stomach muscles



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VWD BIYP CIPEDJH YP VWYH UYQD IJD VWD SDLSUD

FWL FIPV VL MWIPED DGDJOVWYPE - LJ PLVWYPE.

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The opposite of the religious fanatic is not the fanatical atheist but the gentle cynic who cares not whether there is a god or not.

COVID steals sound of music, anklets in cultural capital

Mysuru, July 6 (MK&SD)- Our city is popularly known as cultural capital of Karnataka, but ever since pandemic outbreak, art and cultural activities in city have come to a standstill. Most of the auditoriums and music halls have locked their doors while the income of artistes has plummeted.

Not long ago, music halls in city were filled with audiences with celebrated musicians on stage. Auditoriums, which used to stage plays, brimmed with activities. Music, dance and theatre enthusiasts including youngsters and elderly folks spent their evenings and weekends at concerts and other cultural assembles in city.

Now, all these venues including Kalamandira that includes Kiru Rangamandira and Maneyangala, Vanaranga, Bhoomigeeta and Sriranga auditoriums at Rangayana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Veene Seshanna Bhavan - Ganabharathi, Jaganmohan Palace, Town Hall, Rotary auditorium, Indian Institute of Engineers-India (IEI), Sarada Vilasa Centenary Hall, Senate Hall, KSOU Convocation Hall, Madhava Kripa and others have been closed with no activities from the last three months.

In an effort to help artistes impacted by ongoing pandemic and keep the musicians and other artistes engaged during this unprecedented time, some cultural organisations have been hosting and streaming classical and folk music programmes online. Now a days, most popular platform for airing these activities seems to be *Facebook*.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Ganabharathi President Dr. C.G. Narasimhan said, "On every Tuesdays and Saturdays, we are streaming online music concerts. We are getting very good response from local audience as well as from abroad. While recording these concerts, we are taking all necessary safety measures."

"In earlier days, people used to assemble in a house and enjoy music concert. As this is a testing time for all of us, all we can do is host such kind of online programmes for general public and art enthusiasts," opined Sri Krishna Gana Sabha President Sridhar Raje Urs.

"Clapping, no doubt, would encourage an artiste. During online concerts, artiste on stage might not hear claps or cheers, but instead of doing nothing, these online music and dance programmes are immensely helpful to keep us engaged and encourage artistes," opined Nupura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust Founder-Director Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao.

"Many organisations have been organising online programmes to encourage artistes and students. Also, they are financially helping needy artistes which is commendable," says Music Patron C.R. Himamshu.

"Due to lockdown, not only cultural events but also training centres have been shut. But some training is being given online. There are over 100 dance teachers in Mysuru. Each dance school has 150-200 students who are being given yoga and Bharatanatyam classes through online mode. This is the first ever such situation I am facing in the past 70 years. We have to stay at home for our own safety and of others as well. But this time can be utilised to learn more," says danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy.

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha Secretary K.N. Prasad says, "A minimum of 20 events were held every month. Especially in December and January, the number of events would reach up to 30-40. Due to lockdown, halls remain empty."

"Artistes are never inactive. By this time, notes artistes would have gone on a tour to give concerts. But the pandemic has stopped everything. Artistes should not be disheartened by this but concentrate more on learning. Everyone are facing this problem and to contain the virus spread, it is good to follow the Government guidelines," suggested Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke.

"Life is more important. If a artiste dies, it is a cultural loss. But if he is safe today, he can achieve many things tomorrow. So it is necessary to follow the Government guidelines," said Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa adding the Rangayana artistes have also donated a day's salary towards fight against Corona.

Rangayana in Mysuru.

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city.

Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar.

Artistes' welfare during pandemic

Bags containing groceries — 10kg rice, 1kg tur dhal, 1kg urud dhal, 2kg wheat flour, 2kg sugar, 1kg salt and 2 litres of groundnut oil — were distributed to 25 music artistes by Thought Focus Technologies of Mysuru at Ganabharathi on July 3. Ganabharathi office-bearers B.K. Vishwanath, H.R. Sundareshan, Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, Naveen Gowda of ThoughtFocus Technologies are seen.

Ganabharathi has been a familiar landmark in the cultural landscape of Mysuru for the last four decades. It was registered as a cultural institution in the year 1978 for the promotion of "Fine Arts and other Performing Arts". It has a strength of 850 Life Members on its roster now.

A music and dance School was also added in 1992 in its own Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar (Presently it has a strength of about 350 students).

Apart from Karnatak vocal music and Bharatanatyam and other instrumental music such as veena, violin, flute, mridanga, sugama sangeetha and keyboard are taught by 11 dedicated teachers headed by a Principal.

A monthly bulletin 'TILLANA' containing all its activities and very interesting articles related to music and dance is published. It could be accessed on *www.ganabharathi.com* for all the previous issues too.

At least 3 to 4 Music/ Dance concerts in the Sabha were held without any gate fee right from the beginning for the benefit of the Connoisseurs. But with the present condition of COVID-19 all the activities have come to a standstill.

Listeners are not able to come to the live concerts and artistes are not able to perform either.

To overcome this, Ganabharathi has started live streaming of the music and dance concerts from their respective residences during total lockdown period. The artistes are both veterans and young upcoming talents, responding to the call of Ganabharathi.

It may be mentioned here that a few of the senior artistes politely declined to accept our nominal fee. Presently it is done with accompanying artistes following adequate social distancing. **It is broadcasted on Facebook every Tuesday and Saturday.**

Such concerts have received very good response even from global connoisseurs. These programmes are for an hour and half duration and could be seen logging on to *https://www.facebook.com/ganabharati/* on Tuesdays and Saturdays live between 6 pm and 7.30 pm or on any other day as they are recorded and available in archives of same website.

Ganabharathi is the forerunner of bringing these events in the virtual format in Mysuru.

Several artistes and musical instrument artisans, who were mainly depending on their art, have become jobless and as such are in dire straits now.

In an attempt to help such individuals, Ganabharathi has identified several artistes and is able to distribute Rs.5,000 each to 16 of them for the past two months, raising donations from philanthropic donors.

Some donors have come forward to give food bags containing groceries, rice, dhal, sugar, groundnut oil and more to the needy artistes.

One such programme was held at Veene Seshanna Bhavana on July 3 and 25 bags were distributed to artistes mainly belonging to Nagaswara and the accompanying artistes. This event was sponsored by ThoughtFocus Technologies, a Mysuru-based company. It was done following strict rules laid down by the Government.

Ganabharathi is looking forward to more number of donors participating in such programmes as the same situation may last for an indefinite period and so the saga of cultural activity can continue offering a balm during this stressful period.

Ganabharathi, headed by Dr. C.G. Narasimhan as its President, believes in the quote by Orson Welles: "Ask not what you can do for the country. Ask what's for lunch."

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